

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

THAT my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

THAT I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Wood Additive Thermoset Composite and a Method for Making the Same**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

THAT I do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention or discovery thereof, for more than one year prior to this application.

THAT the invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America for more than one year prior to this application.

THAT this invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of the application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months before this application.

THAT I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

THAT I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

THAT I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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And as a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioners to prosecute this application, to receive all correspondence, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent, individually and collectively:

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